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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] giving the particulars is appended.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer for Electricty reports that the load for Salem and the South Indian Railway, Erode, is satisfactory but that in Erode town is disappointing.

(*d*) The unsatisfactory progress in Erode is ascribed by the licensees to a certain amount of local opposition to the popularization of electricity.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SENATE OF THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the undermentioned candidates were declared duly elected to the Senate of the University of Madras by the non-Official Members of the Council:—

Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar.
Mrs. Alamelumangathayaramma.
Mr. M. S. Sreshta.
,, Abdul Hameed Khan.
,, R. Madanagopal Nayudu.
,, T. Sundararao Nayudu.
,, C. Basu Dev.
Rao Sahib P. Subrahmanyam Chetti.
Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR 1934–35.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The general discussion on the Budget will now commence."

* Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Mr. President, Sir, ever since I entered this Council I have been telling the Government that the system of taxation followed here and also the incidence thereof were such that it is the poor that is mainly made to support the Government of this Province and that it was against all canons or principles of taxation. This year, however, in his speech introducing the Budget, the Hon. the Finance Member has, I am glad, expressed the sentiment that the Government have got duties not only to those who pay the taxes but also to those that do not pay any. Well, Sir, now that he has recognized that, he will have to consider the other aspect of the matter, namely, who is to contribute towards the expenses of the administration—expenses which the Hon. Member says that the Government have to meet. This is one of the points on which I have been addressing the Government for the last so many years in this Council.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 180 infra.